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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1073  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Josephine Jackson upon being named the Grand Marshal of the Teapot Festival in Trenton.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Jackson is one such exemplary person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson has been honored as the Grand Marshal of the Teapot Festival in Trenton; her many years of dedicated public service exemplifies the ideals of this year's Teapot Festival Theme: "A Reflection of America's Spirit 2002"; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Trenton area, she was born in Gibson County in 1924; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Jackson astutely served in the County Court Clerk's Office for thirty-one years, serving for over half of her tenure as the County Court Clerk; she also served with the Gibson County Sheriff Department for six years; and

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WHEREAS, throughout her professional career as a public servant, Ms. Jackson served with the utmost acumen and alacrity, earning the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished leader, she distinguished herself as a member of the Harlan-Morris Board of Directors for over forty years and as a member of the TSSD Board of Directors for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Jackson has dedicated her time and considerable talents to numerous youth and civic groups, volunteering at fund-raisers, school activities, and in countless community programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackson's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is deeply devoted to her family, and has always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Jackson is the loving mother of three children and one grandchild; this exceptional woman also helped raise her six younger brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, Ms. Jackson faithfully serves as a Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, she is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Josephine Jackson for her meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate her on being named the 2002 Grand Marshal for the Teapot Festival, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.